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Art Unit: 1621**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Peter Moritz, et al.
Serial No.: 10/706,449
Filed: 12 November 2003
Title: Method for the Esterification of a Fatty Acid

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Request for Clarification

Sir:

A Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance of March 14, 2006 indicates that a certified copy of the priority document has not been received. However, a certified copy of the priority document, i.e. European Patent Application 02406034.5 was filed with the original application papers and is listed on the Application Transmittal Letter.

Further, published Application US2004/0106813 of June 3, 2004 provides the foreign application priority data.

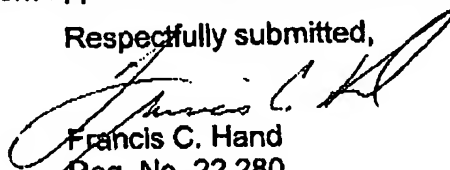
Still further, the PAIR System shows a "miscellaneous Communication to Applicant" dated November 21, 2003 of 20 pages that is in fact a copy of the certified European patent application.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Notice of Allowability be corrected to indicate that the priority papers have been received. In this regard, applicant also

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claims priority of the said European patent application filed November 28, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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